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IMPLEMENTATION OF SANCTIONED AUWSP SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether out of 575 schemes sanctioned by the Union Government during 1993-94 under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) covering 2151 small towns, the work on 101 schemes is yet to be taken in hand;

(b): if so, the reasons for not implementing the schemes and the cost overrun as a result thereof;

(c): the total amount sanctioned by the Union Government for implementation of these schemes, till date;

(d): the amount utilized, the schemes implemented and the number of towns where drinking water has so far been made available; and

(e): the steps taken by the Union Government to ensure the implementation of all the schemes within a time frame schedule?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a): No, Sir. Under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban WaterSupply Programme (AUWSP), which was launched at thefag end of 1993-94, 148 proforma proposals were approved by this Ministry for approval of the Detailed Project Reports(DPRs). Outof these, DPRs for 142 towns were subsequently approved of which only one water supply scheme for Suraj Karadi town in Gujarat could not be launched due to non-availability of reliable water resource.

(b): Some of the reasons for delay in implementation of the scheme are as follow:-

(i) Delay in according administrative approval by the State Governments in some cases.

(ii) Delay in release in Central as well as State Plan Funds by the State Governments to the State implementing agencies.

(iii) Delay in land acquisition where it is required.

Any increase in the cost due to escalation/delay in implementation of te scheme are required to be borne by the respective State Governments out of their State Plan funds.

(c): As on 31.3.2002, the Central Government has released Rs.360.57 crores and the State Governments have released 244.09 crores for implementation of the sanctioned schemes.

(d): The expenditure reported by the State Governments towards thesanctioned scheme is 391.37 crores and drinking water has been made available in 240 towns as on 31.3.2002.

(e): Regular review meetings are hld with State Governments to monitor the implementation of schemes besides visit to States by officers of the Ministry and CPHEEO.